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**Rejection of request for extension of time limit issued pursuant to Rule 132 EPC**

Your request dated 19-05-08 for an extension of the time limit has been refused for the reason indicated below:

- ☐ Your request was received by the European Patent Office on \_\_\_\_\_, i.e. after expiry of the time limit which ended on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The reasons given in the request are not sufficient, see Guidelines EPO, Part E-VIII, 1.6.
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- ☐ The time limit set in a communication under Rule 71(3) EPC is not extendable.

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This is further to our submission of March 18, 2008 requesting an extension of term for filing a reply to the Communication dated November 15, 2008.

We herewith request that the term for filing a reply is exceptionally extended by one further month. Although information was received from the client for responding to the Communication, it turned out that some questions still have to be clarified in order to be able to fully address the rather extensive and complex objections raised in the Communication. We respectfully submit that under these exceptional circumstances a request for an extension of time, i.e. until

June 25, 2008.

is justified.

Respectfully submitted,

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